

**BOYD ANNOUNCES \$1.4 MILLION IN FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS FOR OKALOOSA COUNTY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida) today announced that Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners is scheduled to receive a federal stimulus grant of \$1,400,000 to purchase five shelters equipped with solar light kits. These new shelters will improve public safety and increase energy efficiency. Additionally, this funding will be used to upgrade ten existing shelters, purchase a new bus wash, and make improvements to an existing parking lot in Okaloosa County.

“With these stimulus dollars, Okaloosa County will be able to improve its public transportation infrastructure and create immediate local jobs,” said Congressman Boyd. “I am extremely pleased we are seeing these stimulus dollars at work here in North Florida to the benefit of the community.”

This funding was part of a \$36.5 million investment in transit upgrades and improvements in Florida which was recently made available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.